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Linebach-Funkhouser Offers Brownfield Assessment and Remediating Workshops

Linebach-Funkhouser Inc., a member of KY EXCEL, Kentucky's environmental leadership program, is sponsoring Basics of Assessing and Remediating Environmentally Affected Property workshops. These free workshops will provide a working knowledge and understanding of technical environmental components associated with brownfields and are geared toward nontechnical professionals, such as economic development professionals, city officials, attorneys, developers, industry representatives and others involved in buying, selling or managing environmentally affected properties.

Brownfields, which are properties that are abandoned and underutilized due to real or perceived contaminations, dot Kentucky's landscape and can include mine-scarred lands, former factories, abandoned gas stations, old schools and hospitals and dry cleaning establishments. These properties often cause blight, decreased property values and can affect human health and the environment.

The five Kentucky workshops will be held on Oct. 7 in Bowling Green, Oct. 8 in Mayfield, Oct. 16 in Maysville, Oct. 22 in Lexington and Oct. 23 in Louisville. Though there is no charge to attend the workshops, registration is required. For information about exact times and locations and to register, please see <http://www.dca.ky.gov/Training-Events/>.

Collision Repair Campaign Training Video Is Now Available

The Collision Repair Campaign is an effort to address health threats through a two-year campaign to drastically reduce auto body emissions at the national level. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed the Collision Repair Campaign to focus on meaningful risk reduction in the collision repair source sector to complement its ongoing community air toxics work and attain reductions at a faster rate. The campaign will also serve as an opportunity for shops to work towards early compliance with the Auto Body Rule. By the year 2011, more than 60,000 repair shop owners in the U.S. will have to comply with the new rule. For basic information and a copy of the rule, visit <http://www.epa.gov/collisionrepair>.

As part of the campaign, a free 19-minute collision repair training video, starring NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon and featuring testimonies from large and small shop

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The **Operator Certification Program** trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



The Kentucky Brownfield Program
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owners, is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/collisionrepair/training.html>. Topics in the video include the Paint Strip Rule, best practices, saving money, worker protection and outreach resources.

EPA Releases Survey Results on Coal Ash Impoundments

The EPA is making information publicly available from electric utilities on the management of coal combustion residuals contained in surface impoundments and similar management units. Following the coal ash spill at a Tennessee Valley Authority facility in Kingston, Tenn., the EPA requested the information from electric utilities to inform an assessment of the structural integrity of the surface impoundments. The responses from electric utilities cover 584 units from 219 facilities.

In addition, the EPA is conducting on-site assessments of the coal ash impoundments and ponds at electric utilities. The EPA will assess, by the end of the calendar year, all of the units that have a dam hazard potential rating of "high" or "significant" in the responses provided by electric utilities to the EPA's information request. The hazard potential rating refers to the potential for loss of life or damage if there is a dam failure. The ratings do not refer to the structural stability of the dam. The results of this effort will be posted on the EPA's Web site as final reports are completed. For more information, <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/nonhaz/industrial/special/fossil/surveys/index.htm>.

EPA Seeks Comments on Greener Site Cleanups

The EPA is seeking public comment on a new strategy that would make cleanups at hazardous waste sites greener. The Superfund Green Remediation Strategy is an initial effort to outline key actions and related activities that can be undertaken to promote green remediation and to reduce energy use.

The EPA is taking comment on action items that fall into three major categories: policy and guidance development, resource development and program implementation, and program evaluation. The strategy also contains several recommendations, including a call for the EPA to implement a series of near-term program initiatives and to establish a baseline of Superfund energy usage. The public comment period is open for 60 days.

Reducing the demands placed on the environment during cleanup of contaminated land is a high priority for the EPA. In addition to the new strategy, EPA has developed Principles for Greener Cleanups.

For more information on the strategy, see <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/greenremediation>. To read more about the Principles for Greener Cleanup, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/greencleanups/index.html>.

Governor Beshear Keynote Speaker at Conference on the Environment

Governor Steve Beshear will be the keynote speaker during the Leadership Award Dinner on Sept. 30 during the Governor's Conference on the Environment. At the end of last year when he launched "Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future," the governor set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent, increase coal research and create 40,000 energy jobs by 2025. During this year, the governor

The [Brownfields Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities underrepresented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving "beyond" compliance to environmental leadership.

has made efforts to create a more energy efficient government and look toward an energy-independent Kentucky. Attend the conference and hear other goals Governor Beshear has set to make Kentucky a national energy leader. Visit www.dep.ky.gov/govconference for more information.

Brownfields Grant Applications Accepted Through Oct. 16

Applications for brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund and cleanup grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are being accepted now through Oct. 16, 2009. These funds can be used for assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites, including those contaminated by hazardous substances, petroleum or both.

There are two significant changes in the guidelines for the new fiscal year 2010 grant cycle:

- * Applicants for cleanup grants must own the sites that are the subject of their proposals at the time grant proposals are submitted.
- * Current recipients of a brownfields revolving loan fund cooperative agreement are not eligible to apply in the fiscal year 2010 competition. However, they may be eligible for supplemental revolving loan fund grants in early 2010.

Full guidelines for the grant competition are posted on the EPA Web page at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>.

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